

KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL PROPOSAL

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Title: **An act to create an UN oversight committee to investigate ways to cut and manage expenses of UN political missions.**

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause: No specific group at the UN has the responsibility to monitor expenses and budgeting for UN political missions. Many of these missions are established by letter agreement between the Secretary-General and a limited number of countries. As a result, no budgeting or expense review is included in the political mission guidelines. If these missions run out of money, the UN simply funds them from other UN sources, taking money away from the other important projects at the United Nations. In the past decade, costs of UN political missions have increased by 1,256 %, and the funding for these missions is now 24% of the total UN budget. Oversight is needed to reduce the costs of these missions, make the missions costs more transparent, and improve the efficiency.

Section I: In 2013, the UN is operating 33 special political missions. These include missions such as Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea, and United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq. These missions involve security and peacekeeping issues and are often formed on short notice with no real budgeting or planning.

Section II: The costs of these missions have grown substantially in the last decade (an increase of 1,256%). Without oversight, the programs have become wasteful and potentially corrupt. More oversight is needed to control and plan the budgets of these missions.

Section III: The UN should form a committee with representatives from ten (10) nations - including one from each of the security council nations and 5 additional representatives from countries selected by the Secretary-General. This committee would review the budgets and expense reports of each mission to locate cost savings and ways the missions can be managed more efficiently. This committee would report its findings to the Administrative and Budgetary Committee of the United Nations.

Section IV: If the missions can be operated more efficiently and if money can be saved from these missions without harming the goals of these missions, the UN will be able to continue to fund these important missions. In addition, new missions could be added and funded by the savings.

Section V: When passed, plans to select this committee will begin as soon as possible.